Patient Care Technician

INDUSTRY-BASED CERTIFICATION DESCRIPTION

Doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals rely on patient care technicians to assist with the critical day-to-day care some patients require. A patient care technician works closely with nurses and other medical staff. He or she provides care for patients by helping to carry out daily living activities such as bathing, eating, dressing, and walking. Patient care technicians are often the ones to have the most direct contact with patients, and therefore play an important role as a member of the health care team.

There are several main domains and competencies that a candidate for a patient care technician exam should be familiar with. These include direct patient care, performing phlebotomy procedures, EKG/ECG procedures, safety and infection control, and the professional responsibilities of a patient care technician.

The following certifying entities have competencies required earn this certification. Districts should choose the exam provider who is best aligned with their regional employers.

For additional information, please visit the weblinks listed in the additional information boxes below.

CERTIFYING ENTITIES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
American Allied Health 479-553-7614 https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/	Exam Name: Patient Care Technician (CPCT) Exam Webpage: https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/pages/patientcareassistant.html Number of Questions: 150 questions Question Type: Multiple choice and T/F questions Exam Time: 2 hours	Exam Site: Campus based proctored exam Exam Price: $110 Candidate Requirements: https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/pages/profofeligibility.html Study Materials & Resources: https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/resources.php
American Medical Certification Association 888-960-2622 https://www.amcaexams.com/	Exam Name: Patient Care Technician Certification (PCTC) Exam Webpage: https://www.amcaexams.com/exam-candidates/certification-exam/patient-care-technician-certification/ Number of Questions: 200 questions Question Type: Multiple choice questions Exam Time: 3 hours 15 minutes	Exam Site: https://www.amcaexams.com/student-registration/ Exam Price: $169 (study material included) Candidate Requirements: https://www.amcaexams.com/exam-candidates/candidate-handbook/ Study Materials & Resources: https://www.amcaexams.com/exam-candidates/study-material/

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National Center for Competency Testing 800-875-4404 https://www.ncctinc.com/	Exam Name: Patient Care Techncian (NCPCT) Exam Webpage: https://www.ncctinc.com/certifications/pct Number of Questions: 125 scored items, 25 unscored items Question Type: Mulitple choice questions Exam Time: 3 hours	Exam Site: Campus based proctored exam Exam Price: $90 Candidate Requirements: https://www.ncctinc.com/certifications/pct Study Materials & Resources: https://www.ncctinc.com/beyond
National Healthcareer Association Toll-Free: (800) 499-9092 https://www.nhanow.com/	Exam Name: Patient Care Technician (CPCT) Exam Webpage: https://www.nhanow.com/certifications/patient-care-technician Number of Questions: 100 scored items 10 pretest items Question Type: Multiple Choice questions Exam Time: 1 hour 50 minutes	Exam Site: Campus based proctored exam. Exam Price: $155 Candidate Requirements: https://www.nhanow.com/docs/default-source/pdfs/handbooks/candidate_handbook_03_2019 Study Materials & Resources: https://certportal-store.nhanow.com/category/cpct-a-patient-care-technician/